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GOPHERS ARE CAUSE OF MUCH INJURY TO THE ALFALFA CROP

Many Other Field Crops Are Damaged by Little Animals in Many Parts of the West—Poisoned Food Being Introduced Below the Surface Eliminates Danger to All Stock.

(By T. J. HEADLEE, Kansas)
Like most important field crops all fall constantly suffers from the attacks of many kinds of hungry creatures. Roots, stems, foliage, flowers and seeds serve to fill countless empty stomachs and to support myriads of living things. Most of the creatures which rely wholly or in part on alfalfa for their food are either useful or too scarce to do appreciable damage, but

gophers are easily poisoned. They are very fond of common potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, raisins and prunes. The presence of strichine, arsenic or other poisons does not seem to deter them from eating the food; but if the poison is sweetened they seem to eat it more readily. In summer it may be desirable to take the trouble to sweeten the poison, but in the fall and early spring it does not seem worth while to do this. The poisoned food being introduced to the burrows below the surface, there is no danger of poisoning stock. It might be well, however, not to let swine run in the alfalfa fields for a time after the poison has been put out.

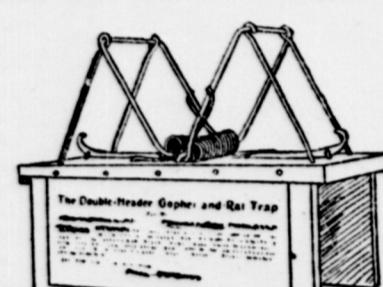
—Front of the Prairie Pocket Gopher. B and C—Special Tools for Locating and Opening Gopher Burrows.

occasionally some one species appears in such numberless hordes that the crop of large sections is devoured and great havoc is wrought.

No other animal attacking the underground parts of alfalfa can equal or even closely approach the gopher in destructiveness. It has proven one of the most formidable mammalian pests with which alfalfa growers have had to contend. Kansas alone suffers a loss of fully \$800,000 yearly.

This damage is not directly in the destruction of the alfalfa plant so much as it is in the interference with the work of cutting the crop and the loss by reason of having to cut the plant far above the ground, to avoid running into the mounds thrown up by the gophers. This loss amounts to about one-tenth of the entire crop. Besides the damage to alfalfa, there is a similar one to clover, timothy and native meadows, and the direct destruction of vegetable gardens and other crops. The gopher has the external cheek pouches, strong lower jaws, fore feet strongly developed for digging, and very small eyes and ears.

The gopher tunnels hither and thither in search of food, at intervals digging short lateral burrows to the surface through which it pushes the excavated earth and dumps it outside, thus forming the mounds that indicate its presence and mark its progress. These animals are most active during the fall and spring, and one individual may throw up several mounds daily for several weeks at a time. During these seasons the work of a few gophers in an alfalfa field may cause the uninitiated to suppose the field infested by dozens. Although the animals are most active at these times



A Double-Header Gopher Trap.

strychnine; as much as half the bulk of a grain of wheat will answer the purpose. The moisture from the potato will cause the poison to adhere to the blade. Prepare the bait in sufficient quantity before going to the field.

Whatever sort of bait may be used, success depends upon introducing it into fresh runways. Choose fresh-looking mounds and prod on the line between them with a wagon rod or sharpened broom handle to locate the runway; or, falling there, prod about the freshest mounds. The sudden giving of the soil and the apparent looseness of the stick in it is sufficient to show that the runway has been located. Remove the prod and drop a tea-spoonful of the poisoned bait into the burrow, leaving the hole open. Level the mounds with some sort of a drag, and as soon as new ones appear locate the burrows and put poison into them.

In case the area to be treated is large some sort of a special instrument for locating the runways is desirable. A very good one can be made from a spade handle by covering the pointed end with iron and fastening a foot rest about 15 inches above the point.

By the use of the means just described the enterprising farmer can rid his land of gophers and keep them out of it. Once the farm is freed, the vigilance and prompt treatment necessary to keep it so will require but little time and effort.

CONCRETE POST NEVER WEARS OUT

Heavy, Smooth Wire May be Used For Reinforcing Them—Most Concrete Forms Are Triangular.

Concrete fence posts never wear out. To make them, forms of wood or metal are used. Where various forms are required, as corner post, brace posts or gate posts, probably wood forms are the cheaper. In case a large number of posts of one kind is to be used, metal forms are more desirable. They are lighter, more easily handled, and last longer than wooden forms. They also give a better surface finish to the concrete.

There are several kinds of re-enforcement. Perhaps the best is the commercial rods placed on the market for concrete re-enforcing. The more common materials for this purpose are heavy, smooth wire and galvanized barb wire.

Most forms for concrete posts are triangular. Owing to its shape, and having re-enforcement in each corner, this post is almost as strong as a square one, and to make it requires less material and labor than for a square one.

The mixture of concrete depends upon where the post is to be used. One part cement to four of sand is good. For posts in isolated places, not subject to strain, a mixture of one to five is sufficient. Those used in a corral or around farm buildings where stock is kept are subject to constant strain and a mixture of one to three is preferable. This gives a more dense material when hard.

Protecting Wounds on Trees.

Whenever a large limb is sawed from the tree the wound should be once covered with wax or thick paint.

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EXCELLENT FOR HAULING WOOD

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Rack for Hauling Wood.

Make the standards three and a half feet long. They may be cut off afterward if desired. Make the standard sockets from old wagon tires to admit a standard one and a half by four inches and with holes for one-half-inch bolts. Bolt all crosspieces firmly. Have wagon near by when making the rack, and place the rack so far forward that in turning the front wheels will just miss the end.

Indiana Owns a Few Horses.

There are 1,176,250 horses owned in the state of Indiana. This includes both horses and mules. The value placed on the whole is \$143,874,500. This is the greatest record ever furnished by the Hoosier state, the average being \$123 per head.

Cheap Fruit.

Some farmers say it is cheaper to buy fruit than to raise it, but these are the men on whose tables fruit is seldom seen.

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EXCELLENT TRAP FOR MINK

Illustration Shows One Also Found Efficacious for Raccoons, Opossums, Skunks and Muskrats.

(By J. W. GRIFFIN.) A limb of sound wood, with a hollow two to three inches in diameter, with horseshoe nails driven as shown in the sketch, makes a good trap for minks, raccoons, opossums, skunks and muskrats.

The bait should be about six inches beyond the point of the nails, therefore, if the hollow runs the full length of the piece, it should be plugged up at one end. Drive a staple in the limb and wire it to a stake or small tree.

You may carry it with the animal alive to hole of water and drown it; to release the animal, draw the nails. The nails should be very sharp and should form a circle with their points about one and one-half inches in diameter for mink.

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Good Mink Trap.

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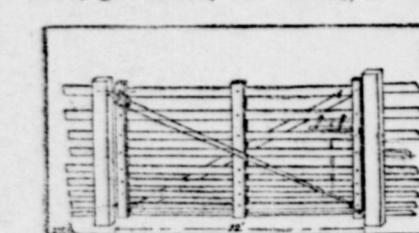
(By A. G. KITTEL.)

A new type of silo that is gaining favorable mention in many parts of the country where it has been tried out is the "Iowa" silo, of which the "Iowa" silo is a good representative. The material from which these silos are built is a hard burned, hollow clay building block, an the building as well as users are claiming a list of advantages for them over other types. One of the chief advantages, they say, is that it retains moisture better than most of the other kinds, and this is one of the fundamental principles in preserving silage. The silo wall must be as nonporous as it is possible to make it. Steel re-enforcement is laid in the mortar joints, thus making this plan of silo resist all outward pressure from the silage inside, and performing the same service that hoops do on stove pipes. Being built of hollow blocks such a silo is particularly frost resistant, and this feature is one that is quite important where there is much freezing weather in winter. Doors are made of wood, and about all the care and repair a tile silo needs after being put up right is to replace the doors when these have rotted, and to give the inside wall a cement wash about once in four or five years.

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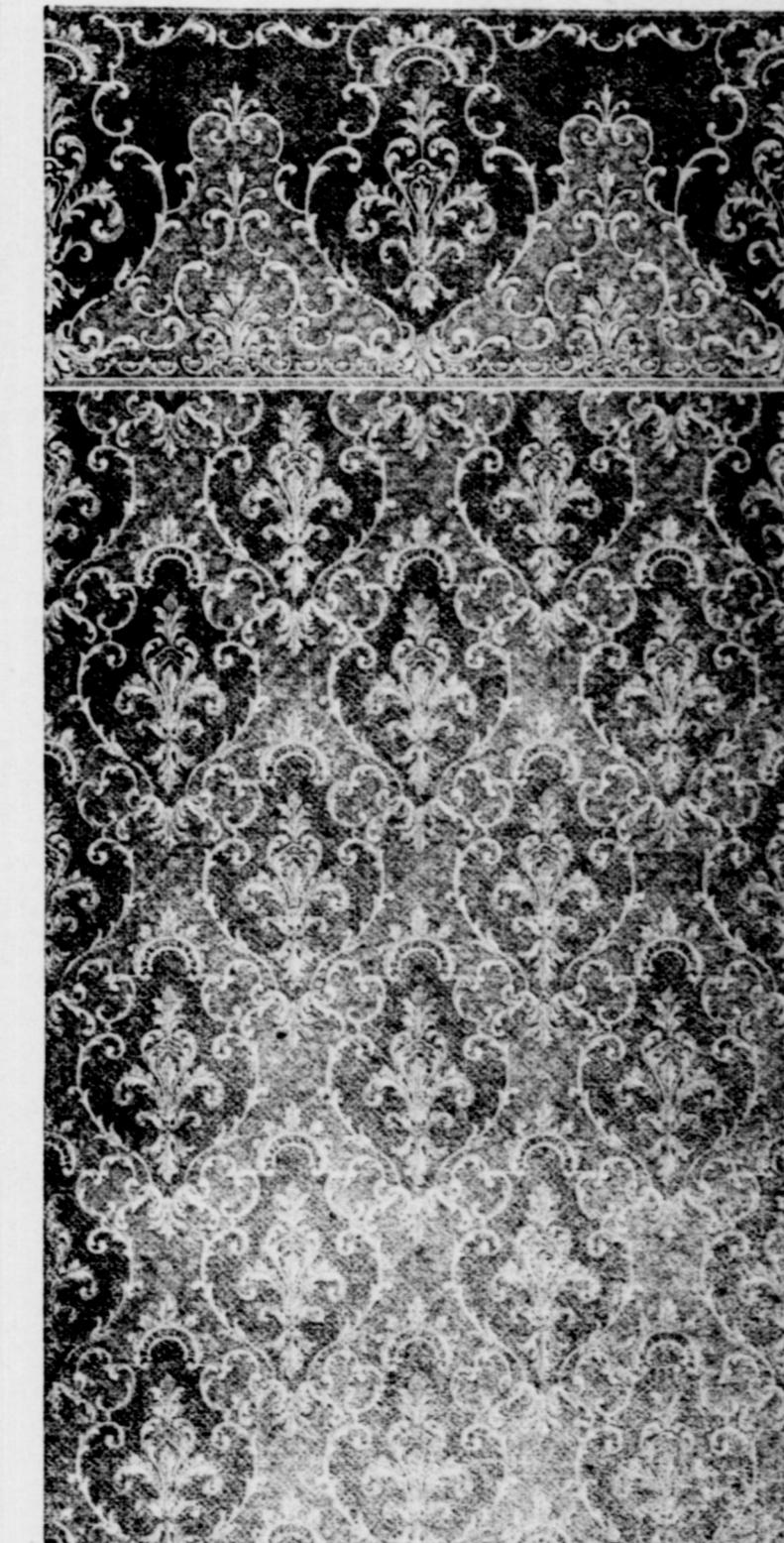
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